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REMARKS

Claims 1-35 and 43-51 remain pending. Claim 1 has been amended to exclude the carbazole derivative. No new matter has been entered.

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 8-35 and 43-51 stand allowed. Favorable reconsideration of the remaining pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the above noted amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC 102

Claims 1 and 5-7 stand rejected as anticipated under 35 USC 102(e) by US Patent No. 6,660,410 to Hosokawa et al. ("Hosokawa"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

To anticipate a claim under 35 U.S.C. § 102, a single source must contain all of the elements of the claim. *Lewmar Marine Inc. v. Barient, Inc.*, 827 F.2d 744, 747, 3 U.S.P.Q.2d 1766, 1768 (Fed. Cir. 1987), *cert. denied*, 484 U.S. 1007 (1988).

Applicants have amended the An organic electroluminescent element Claim 1 to exclude the carbazole derivatives as disclosed in Hosokawa from the claimed component layer. Accordingly, Hosokawa fails to anticipate the claims since it fails to disclose formulae (b)-(k) as claimed.

In view of the foregoing the rejection is requested to be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC 103

Claims 1-4 stand rejected as unpatentable over Hosokawa to in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,960,364 to Suzuri et al. ("Suzuri"). Applicants' respectfully traverse.

Hosokawa is generally directed to an organic electroluminescent element that includes, *inter alia*, a carbazole derivative in its organoluminescence layer. The Office Action relies on Sauzure to teach a hole blocking layer to increase quantum efficiency and luminescence.

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For an obviousness rejection to be proper, the Examiner must meet the burden of establishing a prima facie case of obviousness. *In re Fine*, 5 U.S.P.Q.2d 1596, 1598 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Establishing a prima facie case of obviousness requires that all elements of the invention be disclosed in the prior art. *In Re Wilson*, 165 U.S.P.Q. 494, 496 (C.C.P.A. 1970).


For reasons discussed above, Hosokawa fails to teach or suggest an electroluminescent layer comprising, *inter alia*, a component layer of Formulae I and II as claimed. The carbazole derivative as taught by Hosokawa has been excluded by way of amendment. No other compounds of formulae I and II are taught or suggested. Suzuri fails to compensate for the deficiencies of Hosokawa.

Accordingly, the rejection is requested to be withdrawn.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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